



# WHAT GIFTS WILL YOU SHARE

CARLSBAD COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS



April 2005

## Dear Volunteers,

*National Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 17-23, and we appreciate you. Actually, we appreciate you every week of the year, but this is our chance to make sure we are letting you know how valuable your efforts are to the City of Carlsbad.*

*The statistics are amazing. Last year, all together you volunteered a total of 49,958 hours. Based on fiscal data put together by the President's Economic Report, your efforts are valued at \$932,706.52. Volunteers are worth almost a cool million to the residents of Carlsbad.*

*But the eye-popping numbers don't tell the whole story. There are programs that simply would not exist without the volunteers. The Adult Literacy Program changes lives one by one as adults have the world of reading opened up by volunteers. The Senior Volunteer Patrol keeps our City safer through their daily patrols. Volunteers bring amazing talents to the City doing everything from creating databases to designing brochures.*

*However, I believe one of the real values of volunteering comes from the sense of community you build. It is my belief that a close examination of the anatomy of any community reveals that those who care enough to volunteer are at its heart. They are vital - providing energy and motion. It takes a phenomenal amount of volunteer work to help a community feel like a hometown, and you are providing that effort. Thank you so much.*

Sue Irey  
Community Volunteer Coordinator

## Carlsbad Library System Ranks 10<sup>th</sup> in Nation

It's official. Those of us who use the Carlsbad library system have always known it was great. Now it has been ranked tenth in the nation among 447 library systems serving populations from 50,000 to 100,000.

Of course, the libraries provide reference services and lend books and periodicals from a collection of over 275,000 items. Additionally, a wide array of activities and events are offered for all ages.

There are book clubs for adults, story times and puppet theatre for youngsters, an after-school reading club, poetry workshops, and computer services that include a job and career center. For those with specialized interests, the highly regarded North San Diego County Genealogical Society maintains local history collections and adults received free tutoring in reading and writing.

The Dove Library also houses the Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium, which offers concerts, films, and library programs, the William D. Cannon Art Gallery, offering six curated local and traveling exhibitions annually, and the Friends of the Carlsbad Library Bookstore.

This far-flung network of services started in a space within the Chase General Store in 1916, and in 1931 moved to three shelves in the front office of the *Carlsbad Journal*. Now the library system includes four locations - Cole Library, Dove Library, Centro de Información (for Spanish-speakers), and the Adult Learning Program.



Volunteer Ede Westree and  
Library Director Cliff Lange

library, volunteers deliver books, tapes, CDs and videos to homebound residents based on their interests.

More volunteer opportunities include reading to children at the Dove and Cole Libraries, tutoring in Adult Learning Program, and serving as a Computer Lab Assistant. A complete list of volunteer opportunities is available online at: <http://www.ci.carlsbad.ca.us/volunteer/vollibrary.html> or contact the Volunteer Services Department at 760-434-2877 with any questions.

## Volunteers Are Vital

Last year volunteers gave over 15,000 hours of their time and are an essential part of many of the quality services offered. Two of the most popular volunteer programs are:

**Homework Zone** - an after-school, drop-in homework assistance program held at the three Library locations that has helped over 500 students since 2003. The Homework Zone is offered weekdays, after school, while school is in session.

**Homebound Program** - one of the oldest volunteer programs at the

## Special Opportunities for You

### ***Celebrate Earth Day Out On Our Trails***

Join us for a special Earth Day event at Rancho Carrillo Trails on Saturday, April 23 from 9 a.m. to noon. We will be repairing trail erosion and putting in new signs. Contact Liz Ketabian at (760) 434-2978 or [lketa@ci.carlsbad.ca.us](mailto:lketa@ci.carlsbad.ca.us) for more information.

### ***Bake a Cookie for Brother Benno's Auxiliary***

Brother Benno's Auxiliary will sell cookies baked by volunteers at the Carlsbad Village Fair. Proceeds will be used to buy school supplies for needy children. All cookies need to be delivered on April 29-30. Call Marilyn Callendar at (760) 942-8101 for more information.

### ***Vocal Competition***

Assist the singers during the amazing "Carlsbad to Karlovy Vary Vocal Competition." Volunteers are able to enjoy many of the performances. The event takes place May 13-14. Contact Colleen Finnegan at (760) 434-2900 or [cfinn@ci.carlsbad.ca.us](mailto:cfinn@ci.carlsbad.ca.us).

### ***Save the Date***

Carlsbad's biggest volunteer event of the year, the Carlsbad Triathlon, is coming up on Sunday, July 10 this year. Help us help the hundreds of athletes who will be trying to "Conquer the Coast." Check out all of the volunteer opportunities on July 9 and 10 by logging onto MyVolunteerPage.com with your username and password and clicking on "Recreation" organization or by contacting Gail Lynn at (760) 602-4682 or [glynn@ci.carlsbad.ca.us](mailto:glynn@ci.carlsbad.ca.us).

## Carlsbad News

### ***Community Events***

Summertime fun is kicking off in Carlsbad.

- Carlsbad Village Fair, a great arts and crafts event is coming up Sunday, May 1 in the Village area.
- Taste of Carlsbad, a chance to sample delicious foods from Carlsbad's restaurants, is scheduled for Saturday, June 4 at the 2900 block of Roosevelt.
- TGIF Jazz kicks off the summer season with a concert on Friday, June 17 at Stagecoach Park.

### ***211 is Coming***

A new information line is coming to San Diego County that can be reached by dialing 211 from a land-based phone. The service is designed to give disaster information during a crisis, references for volunteer clearinghouses, and phone referrals in the areas of health and human services. The full rollout for 24-hour service is expected in July 2005; however, daytime access is available now.

### ***Travel to Our Sister City – Karlovy Vary***

Enjoy the beauty and history of the Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, and Hungary during a 15-day trip that includes a 10-day cruise. From touring castles to relaxing at spas, your visit is fully planned to highlight the architecture, historic significance and scenic beauty of the region. Tour departs on October 23, 2005 and the cost is \$3,899 per person including air, hotel, cruise, and most meals. Call Barbara Wanamaker at (760) 729-7711 or email her at [barbwan@yahoo.com](mailto:barbwan@yahoo.com). Deadline to sign up is April 30.

### ***Pesticide Disposal***

Over 500 different household, garden and commercial registered pest control products contain chemicals that attack the nervous system and pose a special health threat to children. Carlsbad residents can dispose of these dangerous products safely through the following Household Hazardous Waste facilities:

- 1145 E. Taylor Street in Vista, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Saturdays. Call (800) 714-1195.
- 2880 Industry Street in Oceanside, by appointment only. Call (760) 929-9400.